

Lesson Topic – I Win With Jesus!

That's Good to Know – Jesus helps me win in life.

Bible Lesson – Jesus appears to Thomas. John 20:19-29

Spoken Word – “But thank God for letting our Lord Jesus Christ give us victory!” 1 Corinthians 15:57

Parent Corner –

The Bible teaches us that there is a lot of power in the name of Jesus and when we call on His name we will have victory. We read about this victory in God's Word. We sing about sharing Jesus' victory in our praise and worship and many of us even end our prayers with “in Jesus' name.” But has the truth of this victory been woven into our hearts and the hearts and minds of our children? Do we really understand the truth that Christ's victory is our victory?

The famous example of “doubting Thomas” is today's Bible lesson. It's easy to label Thomas for refusing to believe without proof. We don't have proof but we do have the testimony of the words we read in the Bible. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells His disciples four times that He would be raised from death (8:31; 9:9, 31; 10:34). Did the other disciples believe in Jesus' resurrection before He actually appeared to them? The beauty of Thomas' story is Jesus willingness to give Thomas the opportunity to touch His crucifixion wounds. But the power of Thomas' story is His response: “You are my Lord and God!” And the hope of Thomas' story is Jesus pronouncement of faith: “The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!”

Today's scripture Memory verse also helps children see that Jesus has won the victory and that we share in that victory. It's our desire that the kids will grow in their understanding of what real victory is and not just “hear” the lesson. We want them to want to be active members on the winning team, and be able to say, **“Jesus helps me win in life!”**